

# 3 O'CLOCK

## FOUND SHARING THE SPOILS.

### MISTRESS AND MAID ARRESTED ON A CHARGE OF SHOPLIFTING.

The Alleged Wife of a Tremont Lawyer Comes to Town with Her Servant and Seizes Sixth Avenue—An Assortment of Articles Thought to be Stolen Hidden Under Their Clothes—Scene in Court.

Mrs. Carrie Stewart, who says she is the wife of a Tremont lawyer, and Kate Flynn, a former domestic in her family, were taken before Justice O'Reilly at the Jefferson Market Police Court this morning on two charges of shoplifting.

Special Officer Thomas J. Kenney, who was on duty in O'Reilly's dry-goods store, in Sixth avenue, at 5.30 p. m. yesterday noticed the queer actions of the women, who were accompanied by a little girl of twelve.

Following them from counter to counter and watching them closely he finally saw Mrs. Stewart take a girlie of the value of \$1.25 from one of the counters when the saleswoman's back was turned and pass it quickly to her companion, who secreted it.

Soon afterwards they left the store. Kenney followed them to Stern's, in Twenty-third street, where they remained about ten minutes, but did not purchase anything, and thence by the Fourth avenue cars to the Grand Central Depot.

He arrested them in the ladies' private waiting-room, where he found them dividing up what were apparently the spoils of a very successful day's operations.

The booty consisted of six silver-plated forks, six silver-plated knives, six silver-plated spoons, two pairs of silk gloves, eight yards of silk, a change of the lady's wrapper, three handkerchiefs, two colored shirts and a number of smaller articles, including a pair of silver-plated sugar tongs, marked "Macy's Ladies' Lunch Room." The value of the entire lot was about \$40.

None of the articles were wrapped up, but were divided into two packages, the smaller things being thrown loose into a big paper bag, which Mrs. Stewart had secreted under her dress, and the more bulky ones were covered with a newspaper and carried under Kate Flynn's skirt.

The women made such an outcry when they were arrested that Policeman Kenney was obliged to call in another policeman to help him take them down into the police station, where they were locked up overnight.

The other charge of larceny against them was preferred by Mrs. Mary J. Perry, of Simpson, Crawford & Simpson, who identified \$10 worth of the goods as having been taken from that store. It is not known who else took the goods.

Mrs. Stewart is a little brunette with snapping black eyes, and was elegantly dressed, wearing a long figured velvet cloak trimmed with fur. She showed the utmost self-possession and sang the "Milk and Honey" to the clerks and court officers without the slightest show of anxiety.

Her companion was more reserved and had very little to say. Mrs. Stewart said she was thirty-three years old and lived in Weeks street, Tremont, Kate Flynn, who is twenty-five, lives in the same locality. The former did not break with the latter, who, with her accuser, nor even when the sugar tongs from Macy's was produced, but said she had paid for every article except the tongs, which had been in the family a long time.

Lawyer Stewart, who represented himself as her husband, appeared for the prisoner. He told, this, said and has a decidedly clerical cast of features. His solemnity of demeanor would have readily enabled him to pass for a theological student but for the fact that he was an overcoat and spring suit of an extremely loose cut, and the child and she was given into his custody.

The Emperor's Condition Causes Anxiety.

Berlin, April 13.—The anxiety felt for the Emperor in all parts of the city and by all classes of citizens has been intensified by the intelligence furnished to-day by the North German Gazette, that the physicians have been obliged to have recourse to further measures of relief for the imperial patient.

The fact that an operation was thought necessary tends to confirm the general belief that the Emperor's condition is critical.

In This Mary Quinn's Body?

Boston, April 13.—The badly decomposed body of a young woman, supposed to be that of Mary Quinn, who jumped into the harbor last night, was found floating near the pier this morning. The body was taken to the morgue and will be examined by the coroner.

The Parole Literary Association.

The Parole Literary Association was organized on Wednesday evening at 107 Fifth street, with the following officers: Charles F. Knab, President; Charles F. Knab, Vice-President; Charles F. Knab, Treasurer; B. E. Tegner, Secretary; George Steinberg, Sergeant-at-Arms.

Read "How the United States Treasury Was Robbed," a detective story furnished by Inspector Henry V. Steers, in THE EVENING WORLD to-morrow.

Notes About the Workers.

The Building Trades Council will meet to-night, between 6 and 7, 100 men will be thrown out of work by the shut down in the Connellsville coke region.

A benevolent plan, whereby sick and dead benevolent will result, will be adopted by the Journeymen Shop Butchers' Union.

It was the Elk's Association of Butchers that raised the boycott on Mr. Freund, and not the Journeymen Shop Butchers' Union.

Ginger ale and soda water have been selected by the members of the Journeymen Shop Butchers' Union.

The Journeymen Plumbers' Union took in thirty-five members last night, and decided to further extend the time for the election of delegates to the annual convention.

The petition circulated by the Bakers' Union, delivery of the passage of the bill to prohibit the use of saleratus in baking, has been signed by the members of the Journeymen Shop Butchers' Union.

### THREE QUESTIONS ABOUT STRIKES.

Why They Occur, Why They Sometimes Succeed and Why They Often Fail.

To the Editor of The Evening World:

In reading the accounts of the strikes which have lately taken place and of others which are imminent, I am naturally led to consider why strikes occur, why they sometimes succeed and why they often fail.

First, Why Strikes Occur.—The answer to this question will vary according to the standpoint from which the labor question is reviewed by those interrogated.

The employer will have no hesitation in saying that strikes would never occur if the men were only reasonable and would be content with their condition; if the men would only leave labor unions alone; if they would be more temperate and economical; if they could get along with the wages that they may be getting; and that, so far as the employer is concerned, his hands are perfectly satisfied and if outsiders would only let them alone there would be no strikes.

Having thus answered the question as to why strikes take place because men are unreasonable, discontented, members of unions, intemperate, extravagant or subject to outside interference, the employer's committee were told he had disposed of the whole matter and that he is not to blame.

The employee, on the other hand, is quite positive that the strike occurs because the boss does not want the profit to himself; that the boss wants to keep the men out of the shop; that the rules of the shop are too arbitrary; that the men cannot squeeze without permission; that the boss may be good enough, but he cannot be reached except through the superintendent, who is a tyrant, and that they cannot stand it any longer; that when a company of men who are engaged in a strike are paid or shorter hours (as the case might be) they are gruffly told that if they were not satisfied they might look for another job.

These are the reasons which the employee gives for the strike. He says that the next Saturday there was no more work for them than their comrades struck. Or perhaps the strike was because the employer paid less wages, or required longer hours than any other in the same business; that when the boss was spoken to on the subject, instead of being civil and trying to show by his books that he could not afford to comply with their request, that the men on the other side of the strike were perhaps it was because the boss would not discharge a man who did not belong to the union, or perhaps the men may have no better reason to offer than that the union ordered them out. All or any of these reasons the men may consider justified them in going on strike.

There may be a few of the many reasons which may be given as justifying a strike, but they will serve the present purpose.

Second, When Strikes are Successful.—Strikes are successful when the men are in the majority; when the men are in the majority, the chances are favorable; that is when the demand is supported by public opinion; when the cause of the employees has justice on its side, when those who support the strike are prepared financially to stand out, or when those who may have the management of the strike possess moderation, firmness, calmness and discretion.

Third, Why Strikes Often Fail.—Strikes will generally fail when undertaken against corporations which (as in the case of railroads) have the other side of the street, or when the men are not better organized than the corporation; when the men are not better organized than the corporation; when the men are not better organized than the corporation; when the men are not better organized than the corporation.

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### LIKE THE CRACK OF DOOM.

MRS. SIMPFENDORFER THINKS SHE SEES THE WAY TO HEAVEN POINTED OUT.

While She Slept There Came a Great Crash and the Roof Above Her Head Was Rent—An Old Chimney Had Topped Over—Remarkable Escape From Death of Two Persons and One Horse.

A frightful crash resounded in the midnight air in the neighborhood of Pitt and Delancey streets last night. It might have been the crack of doom for Mrs. Simpfendorfer, and she verily believed it was.

It came from the bakery of William Simpfendorfer, at 215 Delancey street.

This is an old-fashioned two-story and attic building, with a one-story annex in the rear. In this annex is the bedroom of Mrs. Simpfendorfer and her son William.

The mother was quietly sleeping when, with the suddenness of a lightning flash and noise as of thunder, the roof was rent and the way to heaven seemed to be pointed out to the frightened woman who was thus rudely awakened.

After an examination of herself which satisfied her that she was still a material body and not a disembodied spirit, Mrs. Simpfendorfer set about discovering the cause of the commotion.

She found that her room was filled with debris. Bricks had bruised her arms and were scattered on her bed.

Her son's bed had been smashed to the floor by a load of bricks and mortar, and she thought came to the distracted woman, "My God! Willie is dead!"

But Willie was still a very live boy and came in from the oven-room, where he had been at work, to assure his mother of that fact and ascertain if she were still in the land of the living.

An investigation of the cause of the accident was made and it was found that a large chimney which rose above the annex fifteen feet had broken from its rotten support and had fallen on the roof.

Not only had it wrecked the bedroom of Mrs. Simpfendorfer, but the adjoining shed, which was used for a stable.

This stable formerly accommodated two horses, but one recently died. Had it lived until last night it would have been assisted from this world after another fashion, for the shed and occupied was filled with a ton of bricks.

The remaining horse was pinned in its stall by a broken partition, but was uninjured.

The accident was a remarkable one on account of the narrow escape from death of those in the building.

Inspector Henry V. Steers has furnished THE EVENING WORLD with the incidents of a famous robbery case which he had charge of. The story will begin to-morrow under the title of "The Stolen Plains; or, How the United States Treasury Department Was Robbed."

### COUNTLESS ANN IN THE JUG.

But Not Even the Smallest Spirit Comes to Encourage Her—Lawrence Weeps.

The Countess Ann O'Dell's heavy blue satin and black lace dress accords ill with the gloomy interior of cell 56 in the female prison at the Tombs in which she still languishes. Her ample form is cramped in the small white wicker chair which is provided for the use of commonplace prisoners, so she sits in the iron cot, which is the only place of furniture in the cell.

Mrs. O'Dell has told Matron McAuliffe that she has lost all interest in life, and that she has no hope of ever being released. She has been in the prison for over a year, and she has no hope of ever being released.

Matron McAuliffe has been much impressed by madame's story, and she has been inclined to believe in her pretensions to be a Spiritualist medium. She expected a spirit picture, or at least a letter from some departed great man, to appear during the night. Mrs. O'Dell has been herself by saying loudly that a medium in captivity could not communicate with the spirits.

The madame expected to get ball for-day both for herself and her co-conspirator—Gen. Disraeli, Dr. Lawrence and the son Frank.

Dr. Lawrence looked the picture of despair as he came down from his cell to see THE EVENING WORLD reporter.

He wept as he protested that he was innocent of any share in deceiving Mr. Marsh. He said he was engaged by Mrs. Marsh to exhibit a photograph of the spirit pictures at her lecture, and the only money he had received was \$15, his share of the lecture fee. He had been paid \$15, and he had been paid \$15.

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### ONE CHANCE IN SIX.

Mr. Conkling Continues to Improve and is Almost Out of Danger.

The dawn brought more encouraging reports from the sick room of ex-Senator Conkling to-day. He slept quietly and naturally all night, and although occasionally slightly delirious, he has not been in such acute pain.

Mr. Conkling's hair was shorn from his head over the ear to facilitate the operation of Monday. This gives him an appearance which startles his friends when they see him for the first time.

At 9.20 P. M. Murray, the Hoffman House porter, who has influence over Mr. Conkling in moments of delirium, was called in while Dr. Barker and Sands made their morning visit.

When Dr. Barker left, at 10 o'clock, he said to an EVENING WORLD reporter: "There is a marked improvement. Mr. Conkling spent a good night in natural sleep without the aid of any narcotics or bromide. His pulse now is 74 and his temperature 99. He is more natural when awake."

"I am slow one, but now I am prepared to say that the Senator has one chance of recovery in six."

When asked regarding the opinion expressed by the Medical Board that the rule was that death followed the operation performed on the Senator Dr. Barker said: "That is true. I have said there are five chances out of six against him."

"Mr. Conkling is suffering from an inflammation of the membrane covering the brain—a treacherous and dangerous disease. But for more than twenty-four hours he has been improving perceptibly. I repeat, unless some complication arises, he will win."

Dr. Barker said that Mr. Conkling is in the second stage of the disease. He said that he should be continued for another twenty-four hours as he has been for the past thirty-six it would be fair to predict that he would be out of danger, and in a week he would be on the convalescent list.

### BROOKLYN NEWS.

Mrs. James Morehead's Early Morning Call From a Burial.

Alfred early this morning Mrs. James Morehead, who was sleeping on the second floor of her home, 290 Schermerhorn street, Brooklyn, was awakened by a man walking around in her room.

She asked him what he was doing, and upon her receiving no reply she screamed for help. The man ran out of the room and down the stairs to the basement door, making his escape.

Mrs. Morehead found that the following articles had been stolen from her room: a pocketbook containing \$75, a spaniel puppy to the amount of \$15, a child's gold chain, a pair of opera glasses and a lot of jewelry. The total value of property stolen was \$100.

Two Brooklyn Boys Missing.

The Brooklyn Police have been asked to find David Stronberg, a ten-year-old lad, who disappeared from his home, 504 Wythe avenue, on April 12. He is tall for his age and has light complexion. He wears a light suit of clothes.

An alarm has been sent out for Leo Heller, thirteen years old, who ran away from his home, 38 Schermerhorn street, last Tuesday.

Brooklyn Breivites.

S. Salabater, of 507 Manhattan avenue, Brooklyn, will go to riding very soon, as some one stole the light wagon last evening.

John F. Carter, janitor of the defunct Fifth Avenue Casino, in Brooklyn, has been arrested on a charge of stealing two sets of pool balls valued at \$20.

James McDowell, of the Wallabout Market, has ordered the arrest of George A. Vrooman, a former salesman of his, on a charge of misappropriating \$300 while in his employ.

### JERSEY CITY NEWS.

A Brutal Canal-Bait Captain and a Forgiving Wife.

Artemus A. Benham, captain of a canal-boat lying in the South Cove, Jersey City, was held by Justice Stirling this morning on a charge of shocking brutality to his wife Fanny, to whom he has been married eight months.

Jersey City, this morning, "Two men who were heretofore known as the 'Bait Captain' and his wife, who were arrested on a charge of shocking brutality to his wife Fanny, to whom he has been married eight months."

Notwithstanding this, her husband dragged her to the police station, where he was arrested on a charge of shocking brutality to his wife Fanny, to whom he has been married eight months.

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### HAPPY BOB HANGED.

Van Brunt Meets His Doom To-Day at Warsaw.

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### AT THE TELEPHONE.

"Hello, WORLD!"

"Hello, Bureau of Statistical Information!"

"How about Advertising space last Sunday?"

"Wants" numbered 5,772, filling 176 Columns. Still on the up grade, you see—still "moving on." Good-By!"

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### 3 O'CLOCK

## DARING BURGLARS.

The St. Johnsville Bank Robbed of \$10,000.

They Dug a Hole Under the Vault and Blew Open the Safe.

Nothing but a Few Tools Left Behind by the Cracksmen—The Break Took Place About Midnight—The Robbers Were Evidently Skilled Professionals and Did Their Work Cleverly—Perhaps the Bank's Loss Is More Than \$10,000.

St. JOHNSTVILLE, N. Y., April 13.—Burglars entered the bank in this place about midnight last night, dug a hole through the vault, blew open the safe, and took \$10,000 in cash and eight twenty-dollar unsigned bank bills.

They left a number of their tools. The robbers were evidently skilled professionals. The town is fairly bubbling over with excitement.

When the janitor of the First National Bank, of this place, entered the bank at 5.30 this morning he found the floor covered with debris, iron doors, silver coin and papers, and that the safe had been robbed during the night.

He immediately notified the officials, and upon investigation it was found that the robbers had effected an entrance through a rear window, then dug a hole through the wall of the vault 12 by 13 inches, then pried off the bolts of the vault door and blew open the inside.

The burglar also took a gold watch and chain, valued at \$175, belonging to J. H. Markell, Assistant Cashier, and some jewelry that was left for safe keeping.

The bank was organized in 1864 with \$50,000 capital stock, and on Jan. 1, 1888, had a surplus of \$7,000, so that the loss will not affect the credit of the bank.

At 11 a. m. the bank opened for business as usual.

Retracted the Confession in Court.

Percy Edgerton, aged twelve, of 20 West Thirty-fifth street, was charged at the Yorkville Court this morning, by Mrs. G. W. Moody, of 944 Eighth avenue, with stealing a letter containing \$35. She said the